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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, GB

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE JET FOR PRESIDENT BONGO

1. DEPTOFF WAS INFORMED BY MR. CHUCK HANNER, A REPRESENTATIVE OF PAGE GULFSTREAM INC., CONCERNING HIS COMPANY'S DECISION NOT TO MANUFACTURE A GULFSTREAM III, A FOLLOW-ON VERSION OF THEIR POPULAR GULFSTREAM II EXECUTIVE JET. MR. HANNER ALSO INFORMED DEPTOFF THAT PRESIDENT BONGO HAS EARLIER AGREED TO OBTAIN A GULFSTREAM III FOR HIS PERSONAL USE AND HAD MADE A 100,000 DOLLAR DOWNPAYMENT TOWARD ITS PURCHASE FROM HIS PRIVATE ACCOUNT.

2. SINCE BONGO'S INTEREST IN THIS FOLLOW-ON JET WAS BASED IN LARGE PART ON ITS RANGE CAPABILITY, A FEATURE WHICH WOULD ALLOW HIM TO FLY TO PARIS NON-STOP, MR. HANNER IS ANXIOUS TO INFORM BONGO THAT THE GULFSTREAM II  
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FITTED WITH EXTENDED RANGE TANKS WILL PROVIDE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME RANGE CAPABILITY. AS A CONSEQUENCE, HANNER IS PREPARING TO OFFER VIA A PERSONAL LETTER TO BONGO TO SELL HIM A MODIFIED GULFSTREAM II. IF PRESIDENT BONGO IS INTERESTED IN THIS AIRCRAFT, MR. HANNER WOULD APPLY BONGO'S EARLIER DEPOSIT TOWARD ITS PURCHASE; IF HE IS NOT INTERESTED, MR. HANNER IS PREPARED TO IMMEDIATELY

REFUND THE DEPOSIT WITH INTEREST.

3. MR. HANNER HAS ASKED IF THE AMBASSADOR WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO USE THIS INFORMATION AND THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED FORTHCOMING LETTER, WHICH WOULD BE SENT TO THE AMBASSADOR FOR TRANSMITTAL TO BONGO, TO PERSONALLY DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH HIM. IN THE INTERIM, MR. HANNER WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BONGO INFORMED THAT PAGE GULFSTREAM IS NOT NEGLECTING HIS INTEREST IN AN EXECUTIVE JET AND LOOKS FORWARD TO PROVIDING HIM A GULFSTREAM II FITTED WITH EXTENDED RANGE TANKS WHICH THEY ARE CONFIDENT WILL MEET HIS NEEDS. VANCE

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